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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether India and China have agreed to cooperate on sourcing energy from international market to boost growth;

(b)If so, the details thereof;

(c)Whether India and China have also agreed to adopt new theme of closer cooperation on coastal manufacturing zone development;

(d)If so, the details thereof;

(e)Whether Chinese investors showed keen interest in financial investment and participation in large solar park projects in cooperation with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) whereas India was keen on technical cooperation in promoting underground coal mining technologies and coal gasification; and

(f)If so, the facts thereof and the decision arrived between the two countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND
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MINISTRY OF HOUSING & POVERTY ALLEVATION

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(a) & (b): No Madam,
(c) & (d): No Madam. However, NITI Aayog has proposed closer interaction with National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), People's Republic of China on understanding China's huge success in development of coastal manufacturing zones, and learn from the above success.
(e) : Yes Madam.
(f) The two sides agreed for cooperation in renewable energy promotion, both in manufacturing and generation of wind and solar energy. Both sides also agreed for speeding up of cooperation in solar cell / module manufacturing in India, expanding cooperation in promoting solar rooftop initiatives in India by providing quality solar cells / modules, providing operations and maintenance services. India offered huge investment opportunities in the renewable energy sector by way of participating through equity support, offsetting hedging cost, taking up of masala bonds, partnering in the solar projects, etc. Chinese investors showed keen interest in financial investment and participation in large solar park projects in cooperation with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).

Both sides exchanged the status of coal development in India and China. Indian side proposed the scope for technical cooperation in promoting underground coal mining technologies and coal gasification. Chinese side also proposed for cooperation in promoting clean coal technologies including environment friendly mining, coal processing, and efficient use of coal. Both sides decided to work on specific areas for deliverables.